



Knights form round table on Victory

Story by **Spc. Brian James Anderson**
MNC-I PAO

Knights from all branches of the military and from at least three different countries have congregated here to carry out their mission of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, arrived at Camp Victory earlier this year because of the efforts of Father (Col.) Joe Orlandi, priest, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, and Lt. Col. Nicholas Scopellite, operations, MNC-I.

Both Orlandi and Scopellite are 4th Degree Knights, and when Orlandi was approached with the idea of developing a chapter here, the two put their heads

together and started brainstorming.

"We couldn't develop our own chapter, but we are what we call a round table," said

Orlandi said they needed support from someone and Scopellite's Colo. chapter gladly accepted the idea.

After they had the support they needed, Orlandi, round table chaplain, and Scopellite, grand knight, inducted several practicing Catholics, building an assembly of more than 40 to practice the chivalry Father Michael J. McGivney, founder, first introduced in 1882.

Orlandi said rank doesn't matter at the Knights of Columbus, it is about brotherhood.

Orlandi believes the Knights of Columbus will benefit all of the Catholic men on Victory that decide to join.

Just like the military, the Knights of see KNIGHTS, page 2



Members of the Knights of Columbus pose for a photo after one of their induction ceremonies at Victory Chapel.

Orlandi. "The Colorado Springs, Colorado Chapter is supporting us."

Camp Victory Three-day Forecast

Wednesday



Sunny
High: 113 F
Low: 84 F

Thursday



Sunny
High: 114 F
Low: 85 F

Friday



Sunny
High: 111 F
Low: 86 F

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Congresswomen visit troops on Victory base

Story and photo by Spc. Curt Squires
MNC-I PAO

Four congresswomen had lunch with servicemembers from their respective states on Camp Stryker, Saturday.

Kay Granger, Eddie Bernice Johnson, representatives from the state of Texas, Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee, and Judy Biggert from Illinois, made the trip to Iraq to meet with the 71 female members of the Council of the Republic of Iraq, but made time to have lunch with the troops.

"I'm glad the congresswomen made the time to visit with us," said Spc. Kenneth Sharp, explosive ordnance disposal escort, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, and resident of Mount Carmel, Illinois.

"We came to say thank you for all that you do," said Granger, "What the troops are accomplishing here is very awe inspiring."

Granger and her colleagues also gathered phone numbers of parents and loved ones back in the states during their visit.

When the trip is over, the representatives plan on calling the families of the Soldiers and airmen to inform them that they are okay and America supports what they do.

The U.S. Senate recently took a vote to keep troops in Iraq until the fight is over. All four of the congresswomen argued and voted

to keep servicemembers in Iraq until the mission is complete.

It would be dishonorable to troops who lost their lives in Iraq if the United States pulled out without finishing the mission, said Granger.

"The troops are helping Iraq form a democracy, and that is an amazing thing," she continued.

The four congresswomen came to Iraq to meet and talk with the 71 female members of the Iraq council of representatives and the new minister of human rights, who is a woman in a culture formerly dominated by men.

The visit is more of a motivational tool to show the women that females have as equal of a voice as men do in the government, said Granger.



Kay Granger, representative from the state of Texas, speaks with troops on Camp Stryker, Saturday. She and three other congresswomen came to Iraq to visit with 71 female members of the Council of the Republic of Iraq.

KNIGHTS

Columbus has a strong heritage the members are proud of.

The idea of the Knights of Columbus was conceived by McGivney as a means for the community of Catholics to aid each other in times of loss and distress, to strengthen themselves, their families and each other in the Faith and to support the church's leadership.

Over the years, the Knights of Columbus maintained their strength as a charitable organization. In 2005, Knights from all ends of the earth combined to give more than 63 million hours of volunteer service, and more than \$136 million to a wide range of church, community and charitable activities and programs.

Although the organization is worldwide,

it is the local counsels that dictate what the knights do in regards to charitable events.

Orlandi and Scopellite introduced the Knights of Columbus to Victory, but it is the members they inducted who must now carry it on and develop its strength throughout their deployments.

Scopellite is headed to Afghanistan, and Orlandi is redeploying.

Maj. Steve Gill, effects, MNC-I, took Scopellite's position, although he cannot wear the title of grand knight.

Gill was inducted in May, and for any member to bear the title of grand knight they have to be a 4th degree, which takes several years. Instead, Gill is known as the roundtable's leader.

Orlandi's replacement is Father (Maj.) Peter Jaramillo, priest, Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

Jaramillo, also a fourth degree, will be

able to guide the young knights in practices, guidelines and principles that make the organization what it is today.

Gill said they hope to continue the growth of the Knights, by building a strong foundation for the organization here, and by building the members' strength spiritually so they can become better Catholics.

Gill also said there are ideas of a fun run sponsored by the Knights, and possible other activities the group will decide on throughout the year.

Orlandi said he will continue to correspond with the group of guys from his home in New Jersey so he can follow their progress.

"I hope they continue to grow and bring in the on-looking Catholics," said Orlandi. "This is the perfect place for male Catholics to join the Knights of Columbus. I hope to see that over the months (ahead)."



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CCCI convicts 10 insurgents

Story by
Task Force 134 PAO
MNF-I

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 10 security detainees June 14 through June 20 for various crimes including possession of illegal weapons, passport violations and illegal border crossing.

The trial court found Salah Aziz Hamid guilty of possession of illegal weapons, in violation of Coalition Provisional Authority Order 3, and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended Hamid after a raid of his house found 13 107mm rockets, nine 82mm mortars, approximately 2,900 blasting caps, a pressure plate with a detonator attached, and other IED making material.

The trial court found Majid Saeed Ali guilty of illegal border crossing, in violation of Article 10 of the Iraqi Passport Laws, and sentenced him to 15 years imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended Ali for being a foreign fighter. The defendant also has ties to Al Qaeda in Iraq through Abu Talha.

The trial court found Zayd Ra An Ahmad guilty of illegally entering Iraq, in violation of Article 10 of the Iraqi Passport Laws, and sentenced him to 15 years imprisonment.

Coalition Forces apprehended the Saudi Arabian man during a targeted raid. He later admitted to entering Iraq to fight Coalition Forces.

The trial court found Suway' Lih Muslih Mohammed guilty of illegally entering Iraq, in violation of Article 10 of the Iraqi Passport Laws, and sentenced him to 15 years imprisonment. The Saudi Arabian man was apprehended

during a raid against anti-Iraq and anti-Coalition Forces. Following the trial, the court ordered the defendant be sent back to investigative hearing for investigation of violating Article 194 of the Iraqi Penal Code, crimes against the internal security of the state.

The trial court found Jamal Yahya Mohamed Abdul Kareem guilty of illegally entering Iraq, in violation of Article 10 of the Iraqi Passport Laws, and sentenced him to 10 years imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended the Saudi Arabian man during a targeted raid. He later admitted to illegally entering the country and creating propaganda for terrorists.

The trial court found Mohammed Elaiwy Fahad Al-Almary guilty of illegally entering Iraq, in violation of Article 10 of the Iraqi Passport Laws, and sentenced him to 10 years imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended the Saudi Arabian Man after his vehicle crashed near an Iraqi-entry checkpoint. A search of the defendant's vehicle revealed illegal explosives, and he later admitted to traveling to Iraq to join the Mujahadeen.

The trial court found Mohammed Salman Abed Al-Dayin guilty of possession of illegal weapons, in violation of Coalition Provisional Authority Order 3, and sentenced him to six years imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended Al-Dayin after a targeted raid on his house revealed a suitcase containing two sticks of PE-4 explosive material, one hand grenade, three blasting caps, a 9mm pistol with ammunition, 7.62mm ammunition, an AK-47 and electronic components for an IED.

The trial court found Ali Abdulah Dharbi guilty of possession of illegal weapons,

in violation of Coalition Provisional Authority Order 3, and sentenced him to six years imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended Dharbi after he was captured near the site of an attempted ambush against Coalition Forces. The defendant was found near five RPKs, three AK-47s, three RPGs, one 60mm mortar tube, six 60mm mortar rounds, three hand grenades and five RPG rounds. He later admitted his involvement with the ambush.

The trial court found Assad Younis Mohammed Farhat guilty of possession of illegal weapons, in violation of Article 27 of the Iraqi Penal Code, and sentenced him to one year imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended Farhat after a search of his property revealed one 9mm pistol, one AK-47 rifle and one grenade. The defendant also tested positive for TNT.

The trial court found Taha Yassin Khalaf guilty of possession of illegal weapons, in violation of Coalition Provisional Authority Order 3, and sentenced him to one year imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended Khalaf after a search of his property revealed more than 3,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, six hand grenades, multiple mortar rounds and one Dragunov sniper weapon.

Upon conviction, all defendants are turned over to the Iraqi Corrections Service to serve their sentences.

To date, the CCCI has held 1,248 trials of insurgents suspected of anti-Iraqi and anti-Coalition activities, threatening the security of Iraq and targeting MNF-I. These proceedings have resulted in 1,076 individual convictions with sentences ranging up to death.

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Chaplain's corner

The "Stolen" Coffee: OIF I

"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." (Matthew 6:12)

I feel so relieved when I receive forgiveness from someone I've hurt or misjudged. When I acknowledge to myself that I have truly wronged someone, the weight of that sin just drags me further and further away from God, not to mention the person I've harmed. The burden of that sin upon my heart is immediately released when I hear the words, "I forgive you and accept your apology."

The desert is really cold in the early mornings. Sometimes there is even frost on the humvee. On these mornings, there is nothing I enjoy more than a full canteen cup of hot steaming black coffee. On one such frigid frosty morning, I had prepared a real hot canteen cup full to the brim of the best smelling coffee I'd ever made in the desert. Being a forgetful old man, I put my cup down on the hood of the humvee and went to the back to open a box of Pop-Tarts (one more MRE would have killed me) I'd received from Wanda. No sooner had I come out from behind the humvee did I see that my steaming cup of hot coffee was gone. Someone had stolen my cup of coffee for themselves. What an evil, evil thing to do – deny an old man his morning coffee (I'd already forgotten about a paper – I didn't see a Stars & Stripes til much later). And I knew just who did it. He had passed me at the back of the humvee with a canteen cup in his hand and a big grin on his face. Well, I spun around and headed



CH (MAJ) Charles M. Herring
Religious Support Operations
MNC-I Chaplain Office

straight for his location.

When I caught him, I immediately started in on him with all the fire and brimstone I could muster. Poor fellow, he didn't know what on earth to say. His eyes were wide with surprise and his hands were up in the air – especially the hand holding the still steaming cup of coffee. "But Chaplain, this is mine. I filled it before I left to make my soldier checks. See, there is my coffee pot and empty canteen cover." Well, you could have whacked me upside the head with a baseball bat. I had accused an innocent man!



"I'm so sorry," I said. "I thought for sure it was you since you passed me with a cup of coffee."

Then with more graciousness than I showed or deserved he said, "That's okay Chaplain. Nobody is perfect."

Jesus told the disciples to ask God for forgiveness every time they prayed. He knew we would "trespass" against God and fall short of His standards. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't need to ask Him for forgiveness. And today I really needed forgiveness.


It dawned on me that my awareness of my need for forgiveness puts the offenses of others, especially whoever took my coffee, in their proper light. Since then, my daily prayer is to be more like Christ so that, even when I am "trespassed against", I can pray, "Father, forgive them."

Oh, the coffee thief you ask? There wasn't one. I returned to the humvee to see my canteen cup sitting right on the seat where I left it so it would not spill off the hood! Not only am I old, but I'm forgetful too! Even so, God taught me a lesson today, And a gracious sergeant taught me a lesson too.


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The MNC-I EO Office is looking for volunteers to participate in the planning, preparation, and execution of the first MNC-I Cultural Diversity Day.

Cultural Diversity Day recognizes differences in race, ethnicity, language, nationality, gender, and religion of personnel from different countries, services, DoD and contract civilians employees associated with our mission here in Iraq.


August 11
DISPLAY YOUR CULTURAL EXHIBITS AT THE AL FAW PALACE ROTUNDA
 9 am – 8 pm
 Contact SFC Baldof @ 822-3532/3545 or Sgt. 1st Class Rumph at 822-3422 or 5115 for display information

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MNC-I BLOTTER

A Soldier with the 320th Engineer Company was tried by a military judge at Camp Victory June 23, 2006. This occurred after he refused to accept a Field Grade Article 15. The charges against him included failure to obey a lawful general regulation, AR 600-20, by engaging in an inappropriate relationship and making a false official statement. He pleaded guilty to engaging in the inappropriate relationship. The military judge sentenced him to be reduced in rank to the grade of E-4 and to forfeit \$531.00 per month for three months.

A Soldier with the 320th Engineer Company, was tried by a military judge at Camp Victory on June 23, 2006. This occurred after she refused to accept a Company Grade Article 15. The charges against her included failure to obey a lawful general regulation, AR 600-20, by engaging in an inappropriate relationship and making a false official statement. She pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of engaging in the inappropriate relationship. The military judge sentenced her to forfeit \$460.00 per month for two months and to receive a written reprimand.

A Soldier with Company B, 415th Tactical Exploitation Battalion, was tried by a summary court-martial officer at Camp Victory on June 17, 2006. The charges against him included failure to obey a lawful general regulation, AR 600-20, by engaging in an inappropriate relationship. He pleaded guilty to engaging in the inappropriate relationship. The summary court-martial officer sentenced him to be reduced in rank to the grade of E-6, to forfeit \$1482.00 per month for one month, and restriction to living quarters, place of duty, dining facility, place of worship and gym.

A Soldier with the 415th Tactical Exploitation Battalion was tried by a summary court-martial officer at Camp Victory on May 23, 2006. The charges against him included: wearing upon his uniform the rank of master sergeant of the United States Army, without authority, and making a false official statement. He pleaded guilty to wearing the rank of master sergeant, and plead not guilty, and was found not guilty of making a false official statement. The summary court-martial officer sentenced him to forfeit \$2742.00 per month for one month.

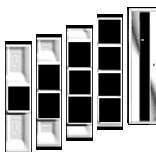
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Gospel Protestant Service noon
Latter Day Saints Service 2 p.m.
Episcopal/Lutheran Service 4 p.m.
Contemporary Protestant Service 6 p.m.

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7th Day Adventist Service 11 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

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Monday - Friday
Roman Catholic Service 4 p.m.

Friday:
Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.

Saturday:
Orthodox:
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Sunday:
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